(c) the quantity of drinking water wasted from the date of receipt of the request, till date, and the reasons for neglecting the demand; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to get such valves installed in each of these blocks to check wastage of drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (d) The request was received in November, 1987. Ball valves already existed in the overhead tanks at the Vasant Vihar Housing Complex, but these had been unauthorisedly removed in some quarters. There had, however, been no wastage of water due to this, as the valves have been replaced.

Supply of water for construction to the contractors in Vasant Vihar

2421. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the CPWD rules a contractor has to either procure water for utilisation in construction/maintenance work, of his own or a deduction at the rate of one er cent is made from his total amount of contract, at the time of final payment;

(b) whether Government are aware that in Vasant Vihar, CPWD Complex, New Delhi, the entire construction/maintenance work is being got done by the CPWD through contractors and the water is given to them through tubewells of vacant flats in the colony, without any deduction; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not deducting of the said amount fixed for the purpose and keeping the vacant flats of colony at the disposal of the contractors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes. However, deductions are made from the running/final bills of the contractors.

(b) and (c) Only in two cases, water has been supplied to the contractors departmentally for which deduction at the rate of 1 per cent of the gross work done is being made from their running/final bills. Water is being supplied through departmental tubewells and no flat has been kept at the disposal of any of the contractors.

Kerosene oil depot in Vasant Vihar

2422. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by the Food & Civil Supplies Department of Delhi Administration from area welfare associations of Vasant Vihar CPWD Complex, New Delhi regarding opening of Kerosene Oil Depot in that area;

(b) if so, date when the request was received in the department and by when the Government propose to open Kerosene Oil Depot in that area;

(c) whether it is a fact that department do not send acknowledgements to such requests; if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) by when Government propose to issue instructions to the authorities concerned to atleast send acknowledgement to all such requests in the first instance and action taken later on?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The request was received in December, 1987. There is no scope for opening of a new Kerosene Oil Depot at present as 3 Kerosene Oil Depots are already functioning in the area. Delhi Administration has stated that because of the fact that it on its own, keeps on assessing the requirement of opening new outlets according to the laid down norms and notifies the vacancies whenever such outlets are opened, each and every request to open new outlets is not acknowledged by them.